

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A method of cutting tissue in a body passage comprising selecting a catheter having a first lumen configured for receiving a wire guide, a second lumen configured for receiving an electrosurgical cutting wire, positioning said catheter in said passage at a desired position using an endoscope, actuating the electrosurgical cutting wire in the second lumen, the improvement comprising:

orientating said electrosurgical cutting wire by rotating a handle relative to a proximal end of said catheter, said electrosurgical cutting wire also rotationally orientating a distal portion of said catheter.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7 wherein said cutting wire is affixed to said handle, wherein said step of rotating said handle causes a rotation of a proximal end of said cutting wire whereby said cutting wire is caused to rotate within said second lumen.

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 7 further comprising:
inhibiting further rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter by engaging a rotation lock.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:
indicating an amount of rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter through the use of a rotation indicator.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein said step of indicating an amount of rotation includes a visual indication of said amount of rotation.

Claims 13-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A catheter handle comprising:

a rotatable coupling ~~between~~ connecting said catheter handle ~~and to a proximal end of a catheter,~~ said rotatable coupling configured to allow free rotation of a the proximal end of said catheter with respect to said catheter handle;

a handle clamping member disposed on said catheter handle and configured to engage affix a proximal end of a device to said catheter handle, said device extending through a lumen formed in said catheter to a distal end of said catheter where said device is affixed to said catheter, whereby rotation of said handle causes rotation of a proximal end of said device in said lumen, and

said rotation of a proximal end of said device causes rotational orientation of the distal end of said catheter.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The catheter handle of claim 15, wherein said device comprises a cutting wire extending from said handle clamping member where said cutting wire is affixed to said catheter handle proximal end of said catheter and said cutting wire also extending to the a connection to at a distal end of said catheter where said cutting wire is affixed.

Claim 17 (Original): The catheter handle of claim 15, further comprising:

a rotation lock engageable to inhibit a rotation of said handle with respect to said proximal end of said catheter.

Claim 18 (Original): The catheter handle of claim 15, further comprising:

a rotation indicator configured to indicate an amount of rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter.

Claim 19 (Original): The catheter handle of claim 18, wherein said rotation indicator comprises a visual indicator of said amount of rotation.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled)